PLANT FACT SHEET

Use with caution

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

Schrebera swietenioides Roxb.

GENUS *Schrebera* **FAMILY** Oleaceae

COMMON NAMES Weaver's-beam tree

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Fruit

The leaves are boiled, and eaten mixed with salt and chili peppers.
The ripe fruit are eaten. They are also cooked.

DESCRIPTION

A moderate sized tree. It grows 20 m tall. It loses its leaves during the year. The bark is thick and grey. The leaves have leaflets along the stalk. There are 3-4 pairs of opposite leaflets and one at the end. The leaflets are oval and unequal on the sides. The flowers are yellowish-white with brown marks. They grow in compound clusters. They have a scent at night. The fruit is a pear shaped capsule. It is woody with 2 cells and 4 seeds in each cell. The seeds hang and have wings.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in deciduous forests. It suits the seasonally dry tropics.

NOTES

There are 6 Schrebera species.
The leaves and fruit are used in medicine.

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